

Application Serial No.: 10/511,287
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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

A method and device for collecting animals living on or in a water bottom such as crustaceans and shellfish and fish, wherein a collecting device (5) is moved over the bottom, which collecting device is provided with a device means for moving the animals from or off the water bottom, in particular at least one tine (14) that can penetrate into the bottom and with which said animals can be taken or forced from or off the bottom, while said at least one tine is provided with a fluid outlet means (17) through which under pressure, a fluid, in particular water, is forced into the bottom, such that a top layer of the bottom is stirred up and animals living therein or thereon are dislodged, which animals are captured in the collecting device. ~~The or each tine is movable on the basis of signals, produced by detecting means (21) for detecting the animals. Preferably, the detecting means are placed in front of the tines.~~